IN THE DRAWINGS

A corrected version of Figures 1, 3A, 3C, 3D and 5 are submitted herewith on a separate sheet with corrections marked in red ink. Applicants respectfully request approval of these drawing changes. Applicants will subsequently submit new formal drawings of Figures 1, 3A, 3C, 3D and 5 incorporating the noted corrections.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the Abstract beginning at page 33, line 4, with the following rewritten Abstract:

--An apparatus and method for scheduling data distributions to or results information from, or collectively, "jobs" to a plurality of data processing systems via a network. A connection to a target system is created. For each distribution, a session, which is an independent thread, is allocated from one of a plurality of pool of sessions and launched to effect execution of the job. Each pool corresponds to a predetermined priority level, and the session is allocated from the pool having the same priority level as the priority level of the job being scheduled. A connection supports a multiplicity of independent threads. In the event of an error, the session is released, and the scheduling of the aborted job is retried after a predetermined retry interval expires. After expiry of the retry interval, a callback method is invoked when the target system on which the scheduled job is executed becomes accessible--

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the Cross-Reference to Related Applications paragraph beginning at page 1, line 6 with the follow-rewritten paragraph:

--Related subject matter may be found in the following commonly assigned, co-pending U.S. Patent Applications, both of which are hereby incorporated by reference herein:

Serial No. 09/460,855, entitled "APPARATUS FOR DATA DEPOTING AND